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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:** Limited Review DPC – Promotion to Grade-I (US) of CSS for the years 1989 to 2002 in respect of SC/ST officers.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's Office Memorandums of even number dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 on the subject mentioned above and to say that promotion to Grade-I (Under Secretary) of the CSS was regulated in accordance with Rule 12(2) of the CSS Rules, 1962. In terms of Rule 12(2) of CSS Rules, 1962, eight years of approved service in the grade of Section Officer is required for promotion to US grade.

2. There was a proviso to Rule 12(2) of CSS Rules, 1962 which provided as under:

"Provided further that if any person appointed to the Section officers' Grade is considered for promotion to Grade I under this sub-rule, all persons senior to him in Section officers' Grade, belonging to the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes who have rendered not less than 4 years' approved service in that grade, shall also be considered for promotion."

Accordingly, Section Officers belonging to SC/ST category with four years of approved service were eligible to be considered for promotion to the grade of Under Secretary, if their juniors were being considered for promotion. This proviso was, however, deleted vide Notification dated 08.03.1999 and thereafter, a uniform eligibility of eight years of approved service in the grade of Section Officer was applicable to all categories for promotion to Under Secretary Grade.

3. USSLS from 1987 onwards were in arrears on account of prolonged litigation and these Select Lists could be brought out in the year 2000 and thereafter only. As at the time of preparation of these USSLS, the proviso of lesser eligibility service to senior SC/ST officers was deleted, uniform eight



